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City's Unemployment Rate Second Lowest in Atlanta Metro Area

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, March 3, 2016 -- According to the latest report from the <u>Georgia</u> <u>Department of Labor</u>, the city of Peachtree Corners has the second lowest unemployment rate among cities in the Atlanta metro area.

The unemployment rate for Gwinnett County's largest city is 2.6 percent according to a December 2015 preliminary report.

The unemployment for nearby cities show the city of Brookhaven has the lowest rate at 2.2. Following Peachtree Corners is Alpharetta at 3.8 and Johns Creek at 3.9. East Point's rate of 7.8 is among the highest of the Atlanta metro cities.

"With over 38,000 jobs and a population of more than 40,000, Peachtree Corners has become a regional job hub for the metro area," said Mayor Mike Mason. "The city's zero millage rate and strong incentives for companies to locate or relocate here are some of the key factors in our low unemployment rate."

The state's unemployment rate was reported as 5.5 percent, the national unemployment rate was shown as 5 percent. These numbers reflect seasonally adjusted rates.

Gwinnett County was among 36 counties of the state's 159 counties reporting the lowest unemployment rates.

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About Peachtree Corners

Gwinnett County's newest city, Peachtree Corners was founded July 1, 2012 and is located along the shores of the Chattahoochee River in the southwest corner of the county. The city is home to some 40,000 residents and over 2,300 businesses.